



MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish of Sacred Heart, are committed to enriching the Spirituality of the parish family, the Christian community, and all brothers and sisters created in God's divine image and likeness. We are called by the Holy Spirit, under the leadership of our Bishop and Pastor, to assist others through the development and promotion of various ministries. We pray for Divine guidance that we may serve others with truth, courage, forethought and compassion.

Parish Council 1998

BAPTISM: Call the office three months prior to anticipated birth to schedule a preparation class after which a Baptism date can be scheduled.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Please contact Aga Chandler, Coordinator of Religious Ed.

MARRIAGE: Contact the office six months prior to anticipated wedding date. Pre-Cana is required for all engaged couples and should be attended at least three months before the wedding.

ANointing OF THE SICK & MINISTRY OF CARE: If you or someone you know is seriously ill, hospital or home bound, and would like the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Church office to make arrangements to have a priest come and visit. The Eucharist can also be brought to homebound parishioners by an Extraordinary Minister.

WE WELCOME YOU AND INVITE YOU

to fill out a form to become a member of our special Little Church with the Big Heart. The green census forms are located in the back of the Church. You may put the completed form in the collection basket, mail it to the office, or bring it in during office hours.
We welcome you to our family.

December 18, 2022 Sacred Heart Of Jesus Catholic Church

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MASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS

Saturday — 5:30 p.m. and Sunday — 10:30 a.m.
with Rosary recited 30 minutes before Saturday Mass

WEEK DAY MASS

Wednesday — 10:00 a.m. in the Church
9:00 a.m. Adoration and Benediction
Anointing of the Sick is the First Wednesday of Each Month

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES

12:00 p.m. Day of the Holy Day

Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:10 a.m. before 10:30 am Mass
Wednesday: 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. before 10:00 am Mass

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday — 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Pre K 3 through High School — Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
September — May

O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in exploring the Catholic Faith
Sunday at 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. September — May

BULLETIN NOTICE DEADLINE

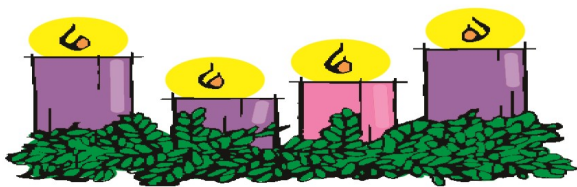
— **MONDAY 1:00 PM for the following Sunday's bulletin** —
Please email your request to libbyac@sacredheartshreveport.org
You can drop it off at the church office or place your written announcement in the collection basket on Saturdays or Sundays.

Thank you.

BIENVENIDO A LOS RECIÉN LLEGADOS!

Por favor rellene un formulario de censo situado en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia.
Usted puede poner el formulario en la cesta de la colección, enviarlo por correo a la Oficina o llamar a su información a la Oficina de la parroquia durante las horas de oficina.

Nosotros le damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia.



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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2022

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

MASSes for the WEEK

12/17 SAT.	5:30 p.m.		PARISHIONERS OF SACRED HEART & ST. MARY'S
12/18 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	EDGAR METOYER
12/18 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	VU-THI-NHO (MARIE)
12/18 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	TERRY JONES
12/21 WED.	9:00 a.m.		ADORATION/BENEDICTION/CONFESSION
12/21 WED.	10:00 a.m.		MARY KAY JONES (HEALTH & HEALING)
12/24 SAT.	5:30 p.m.	†	JÉAN PAUL & RANDY BROSSET
12/24 SAT.	5:30 p.m.	†	TRAN-VAN-KHOA (PETER)
12/25 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	KARLA SEPULVADO & DOUG LEONE
12/25 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	TERRY JONES
12/25 SUN.	10:30 a.m.	†	TAMMY LITTLE

by: Severine Rachal
by: Anan Cao
by: Richard & Debbie Simmons

by: Joe Jones

by: Mom & Dad (Mardie & Les Brosset)
by: Anan Cao
by: The Family
by: Claudia LaRoux
by: Mom (Darlene Cain)

SAT., DEC. 17 - 5:30 PM

SUN., DEC. 18 - 10:30 AM

SAT., DEC. 24 - 5:30 PM

SUN., DEC. 25 - 10:30 AM

Reader 1
Reader 2

Juanita Minch
Mardie Brosset

Mary French
Darlene Cain

Doc Feeney
Andrea Feeney

Barbara Reilly
Mary Nash

EMHC1
EMHC2

Deacon Clary
Mary Kay Efferson

Patricia Terrell
Jean Woods

Deacon Clary
TBA

Elaine Smith
Jean Woods

Altar Server A
Altar Server B

Walt Recker

Yuri Chandler
Jimmy Willis

Walt Recker

Natalia Chandler
Yuri Chandler



Christmas Flowers

On Christmas the Church is joyfully decorated to signify the season we celebrate the birth of Christ. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one by donating to our Christmas Flower Fund, there is an envelope available in your box of envelopes or you can use an envelope from the small white basket in the Narthex. Your loved one will be in the Memorial Flower insert in the bulletin for Christmas. Please clearly print the names on the outside of the envelope how you would like for them to appear in the memorial and write your name as you would like it to appear. All envelopes need to be returned to the Office by Dec. 19th so that we can have enough time to get your loved ones listed on the insert. You can place these envelopes in the collection basket which is the easiest way to get them to the office. Thank you very Much.



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns

Dec. 18 thru Dec. 24, 2022

In Loving Memory Of

"The Flynn Family"

by: Cathy & Bill Flynn

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If you are out of town and would like to find a mass near you.
Go to www.MassTimes.org or call 734-794-2100.

NEW HORIZONS
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
By: Fr. Mark Watson, Pastor

OUR LIVES ARE SHAPED BY OUR DECISIONS.

On this last week of Advent, the Scriptures present two figures who challenge us. The first is Ahaz and the second is Joseph.

Ahaz was king of Judah during the eighth century before Jesus. In the first reading the kingdom of Judah is being threatened by the kingdoms of the north, those of Israel and Syria. They are attempting to force Ahaz to enter into an Alliance against the Assyrian Empire. Assyria was the powerful world Empire of the time. The northern kingdoms had threatened to depose King Ahaz and place a new king on the throne of David if he did not go along with their wishes.

God asks Ahaz to ask for a sign which will prove that God will protect Judah. Ahaz does not have the faith to ask for a sign. Instead, Ahaz puts his trust in the Assyrian Empire. Ahaz' statement that he will not tempt the Lord means that he will rely on the strength of Assyria rather than on the Lord's strength.

Ahaz is called to place his trust in God and he is not able. In spite of Ahaz' fear and lack of trust, God gives him a sign. That sign is "the virgin will be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." The sign is that before the son of the king is old enough to reject the bad and choose the good the lands of Israel and Syria will be deserted. The son who was born to one of the king's wives would be called Emmanuel, meaning that God would be present in a special way in this prince. This child was probably Hezekiah.

JOSEPH

The Gospel presents Joseph. Like Ahaz, Joseph is called to trust God.


Joseph is betrothed to Mary. Mary does not yet live with Joseph, but they have made a sacred commitment between themselves.

Joseph finds that Mary is pregnant. We can imagine the sadness in Joseph's life when he discovers that his wife is pregnant.

Joseph is a man who lives out the Law and the Law of Moses was clear: infidelity was adultery. An unfaithful woman had to be cast aside, stoned. Thus, Joseph decides to divorce her quietly so that he can protect her and yet live out the Law. In the midst of his fear and confusion, Joseph has a dream. An angel tells him to take Mary into his home. Joseph is told that Mary would bear a son and they would name him Jesus since he would save his people from their sins. The name Jesus is derived from the root in Hebrew of "God saves." The angel shows that Jesus is both Son of David as Joseph is in the line of David and that Jesus is Son of God, as he is conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Joseph is given a choice to put his trust in the Law of Moses or to put his trust in something new that is about to happen. Will he divorce Mary or take her into his home? In the midst of his fear and confusion Joseph is called to make a decision. Unlike King Ahaz, Joseph puts his trust in God.

As with Joseph, God challenges us. We are called to be aware of the ways that God speaks to us. If we know the Scriptures we will be able to follow the commands of the Lord, even if they come in challenging ways. May we always follow the path the Lord places before us.



*Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
Catholic Church*

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**OLBS, 100 Years of Servicing Our Families, Our
Community, and Our God"**

**Centennial Mass & Reception
Sunday, January 29, 2023
9:00 AM**

**Most Reverend Francis Malone
Bishop of Shreveport
Homilist**

**Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church
1558 Buena Vista Street
Shreveport, LA. 71101**

**Rev. Duane C. Trombetta, Pastoral Administrator
Rev. Deacon Charles Thomas**

GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

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Lucky Calendar Numbers 2022 Winners

Dec. 04 — Dec. 10, 2022

Date	Amt.	No.	Winner	Sold by
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR LUCKY NUMBERS WILL BE IN THE NEXT BULLETIN. THANK YOU



CHRISTMAS PLAY & PSR News

Parish School of Religion would like to invite all parishioners to the "**Birth of Jesus**" **Christmas Play** that will take place on **December 18th** shortly after morning mass at Church. Come join us as we learn about the true meaning of Christmas and enjoy listening to Christmas Carols sung by our parish youth.

A reminder that there is **NO PSR** on **December 25th** and **January 1st**. I hope that everyone will have a blessed and safe Christmas Break. May the new born Baby Jesus bring joy, love and peace to the households of our PSR families and all parishioners of Sacred Heart.

With Christmas Blessings, Aga Chandler, PSR Coordinator

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent;
Hanukkah begins

Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Friday: St. John of Kanty

Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)

Notes from Aga Chandler, PSR Coordinator

Confirmation Class: All Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation Class students will participate in our Annual Christmas Service Hours Project on December 22nd at 9 am. Students will work on cleaning and decorating the church before Christmas. Parents please plan to pick up your child at 12:30 pm or join us for pizza at noon. If you can't attend please contact Mrs. Aga Chandler ASAP at (318) 344-1185 or achandler@sacredheartshreveport.org.

With Blessings, Mrs. Aga

What's happening elsewhere

Upcoming Deadlines:

Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Catholic Speaker on Science, Reason & Faith is coming to the Cathedral January 14 - 15, 2023. Mark your calendars! More information to come.

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

"Camp Little Flower"

The Diocese of Shreveport will hold an overnight summer camp next year for youth ages 8-13. The dates for the camp will be Monday - Friday, July 24-28, at Camp Bethany in Bethany, La. Registration will start on Thursday, December 1. The camp is open to all parishes. Please join us for a week of faith and fun. See the diocesan website for more info or email Fr. Raney Johnson at rjohnson@stmaryshreveport.org



CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for Generosity

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing

— Saint Ignatius of Loyola

December 18, 2022 at 9:15 - 10:15 am—In the Rectory
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

12/18/22 - Topic - The Church Year
12/25/22 - Topic - Christmas—No Meeting
01/01/23 - No Meeting
01/08/23 - Places in a Catholic Church—Darlene Cain
01/15/23 - Who Shepherds the Church—Deacon Clary
01/22/23 - The Church as Community—Sarah McIntyre

Children's Choir Practice Schedule:

Jan 8th - Choir practice after mass
Jan 15th - Choir practice after mass
Jan 22nd - Choir practice after mass
Jan 29th - Choir practice after mass
Feb 12th - Choir practice after mass
Feb. 26th - Choir practice after mass
March 19th - Choir practice after mass
March 26th - Choir practice after mass
April 16th - Choir practice after mass
April 30th - Choir practice after mass



Adult Choir Practice

Tuesdays at 5:30 with a focus on choral anthems and part reading. We also practice 30 minutes before each mass to run down the songs for that day. All are welcome!



Dec 18 - 9:00 PSR - Family of Faith Gathering & 9:15 am OCIA
Dec 18 - Children's Christmas Play after 10:30 Mass
Dec 22 - 9:00 am - Pre-Confirmation Class Service Hours Project
Dec 22 - No Yoga
Dec 24 - 6:00 pm Caroling and 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass
Dec 25 - 10:30 am Christmas Day Mass
Dec 26,27,28 - Office Closed for Christmas Break
Dec. 31—New Year's Eve Mass at 5:30 pm
Jan. 01—New Year's Day Mass at 10:30 am
Jan. 02—Office Closed for New Year's
Jan. 04—11:30 am—Church 6 month planning meeting—G.B. Hall
Jan. 08—9 am PSR & 9:15 am OCIA
Jan. 15—9 am Family of Faith & 9:15 OCIA
Jan. 22—Safe Environment Training PSR— 9:15 OCIA



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The "Little Church with the Big Heart"
always applies throughout the entire year

December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."



News from The Ladies Guild



The Ladies from Ladies Guild would like to thank Cherie Breffielh for hosting the Ladies Guild 2022 Christmas Party at her home. Everyone had a wonderful time and delicious food to eat. We visited and laughed. Merry Christmas to everyone and a very Happy New Year. If you are interested in joining the Ladies Guild you can call the church office or Cherie and let us know.

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Our Office will be closed
December 26, 27, and 28th
January 2, 2023 the office will be closed.

GETTING EVEN: The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you. —Anonymous

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN: It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

—Charles Dickens

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Las Posadas (December 16-24)

Of the many Latin American traditions for the celebration of Advent and Christmas, the tradition of *Las Posadas* seems to be the best known. It originated in the last half of the eighteenth century when the boisterous *Misas de Aguinaldo* were no longer celebrated in Mexico. To replace these Masses, the laity decided to celebrate in their own homes by taking what they had seen dramatized in the churches: the journey of the Galilean immigrants, Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, when they were looking for an inn (*posada*) in Bethlehem of Judea. Like the "O Antiphons" of the official liturgy, these *posadas* were celebrated on nine consecutive nights.

The journey of Joseph and Mary from inn to inn sadly continues every day in the fearful and tired steps taken by so many immigrants in this country. Like the Holy Family, Latin American families look for hospitality with the hope of finding a new life for their sons and daughters. Unfortunately, many citizens of the United States behave like the people of Bethlehem, preferring to close their door in the face of the immigrants rather than welcoming them. Perhaps that is the reason that the tradition of *Las Posadas* has taken on so much importance among the Latinos in the United States. We know firsthand what Joseph and Mary experienced two thousand years ago. We have to ask ourselves: When will the human heart change? When will we open the doors of our heart to our immigrant Lord?

—Fr. Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Happy Anniversaries



Dr. John & Mrs. Loreta Leavitt	12-02-1972
Robert & Cindy Linck	12-08-1988
Carven & Sandra G. Hay	12-31-1963



Happy Birthdays



12/01 Christian White	12/14 Azuneth Suarez
12/02 Kenneth Jackson	12/15 Samuel Mack
12/04 Ronald Bowman, III	12/22 Angelica Roque
12/04 Samantha Metoyer	12/23 SheaShawna Frank
12/04 Jayce Mitchell	12/25 Melissa Chavnin Moore
12/05 Teresia Njoroge	12/25 Courtney Rachal
12/05 Mike Stemplinski	12/26 Larkin Krieg
12/06 Cody Basco	12/27 Michael Hernandez
12/06 Joe Daniel Callicoate	12/28 Albert Butscher
12/07 Ava Candler	12/30 Michael Cernigliaro, Jr.
12/10 Christopher Harris	12/30 Jessica Metoyer
12/10 Ed Kocmich, III	12/30 Ellyse Suarez
12/12 Youlounda Rachal	12/30 Mary Williams
12/14 Randy Jones	12/31 Jean Woods
12/14 Nate Maudlin	

Our Birthday List is generated from our Shelby Program. If you wish your name and your family's name to appear in our Birthday List and you are not a parishioner of Sacred Heart. Please pick up a Census Form in the Foyer of the Church fill it out and place it in the basket at any Mass.

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection Needed **\$ 4,772.00**

Actual Collection — December 10 & 11, 2022 \$ TBA

Second Collection — Dec. 10 & 11, 2022 — TBA

Attendance — Dec. 10 & 11, 2022 — TBA

December 24 & 25, Regular Collection, and **2nd Collection for "The Infirm Priests' Fund"** (100% of this collection stays in our Diocese).



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Mary Powell (318-621-0022) is the contact person to add, remove or receive continued prayers for someone on the prayer list. Names will be removed after four (4) months.

New Requests

Continued Prayers

Sr. Andre' Aycock, D.C.
Donna Ball
Glenda Basco
Jerry Basco
Marilyn Bittner
Terri Bogues
Avery Boultinghouse
Crystal Bristow
Michele Brosset
Kathleen Candler
Melissa Carroll
Garland Cavanaugh
Cernigliaro Family
Michael Chin
Holden Chism
Judy Cobb
James Coghlan
Grace Collins
V.J. Conner
Jim Cothran
Fay Cunningham
Stephen Cunningham
Jimmy Crabtree
Mary Dupuis
Keith Ebarb
Mary Kay Efferson
Davis Evans
Hulett E. Evans, III

Mark Farries
Michael Frazier
Darrin Gallion
Frederick Goler
Stephanie Grimes
Jeannette Guastella
Ronald Guidry
Shannon Gurley
Eric Haley
Damien Holley
Jane Howell
Steven Hunt
Shunterika Jamerson
Mary Kay Jones
Pat Kane
Mark Kapera
Brandi Kennington
Gloria Kerry
Bob Linck
Doris Leone
Billie Loftin
Mark Lovitt
Sarah McIntyre
Leona Mandina
Judy Maranto
Sr. Gilbert Martin, D.C.
Lawson Merick
Juanita Minch
Sylvia Mobley
Margaret Moore
Moore Family

Frances Munoz
Linda & Fred Ott
Wanda Owens
Billy Powell
Waylon Prestobn
Adam Purland
Courtney Rachal
Barbara Reilly
Angelina Rice
Marilyn Robbins
Ariel Roberson
Tammy Roscoe
Judy Rosso
Frances Rost
Gary Rost
Mary Ruesch
James Russom
Bobby Sanders
Jerry Sanders
Dess Schaefer
John Smith
Vicenta Smith
John Smith
Ben Tembrina
Lloyanda Teneyuque
Michael Thompson
Joe Victoria
Laura Wilson
Ron Witkowski

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN:

Maj. Jennifer Herron, Stf. Sgt. Kelly Conner, Sgt. David Duncan, Corp. Adam C. Henson, Lt. Sgt. Joey Martinez, GL6 Shannon Martinski Montes, Sgt. Andrew Montes, Sgt. Terrance Laborde, Capt. Nicholas Smith, Darnell Gillie, Erik Restevio, Aaron Schmidt, and PFC Charles Gilmore, Cobey West, 2nd Lt. Adam Messenger, Pvt. 1st Class Jaxon Wright, Basic Cadet Jameson Feeney and men and women who are serving our country, here and abroad, and for their families awaiting their safe return.